

LUETGERT'S STORY

The Associated Press Obtains a Sworn Statement

THE JURY FAILS TO AGREE

The Sausage Maker Disappointed at the Result

He Swears That He Did Not Kill His Wife; He Does Not Know Where She Is But That Time Will Bring Her Back.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—The jury in the famous Luetgert case being unable to agree upon a verdict was discharged by Judge Tuthill this morning. It stood nine for conviction and three for acquittal. Luetgert received the announcement imperturbably, and with a good natured smile shook hands with his son, Arnold, and his partner, William Charles, before being taken back to jail.

Judge Tuthill remarked that it was much to be regretted that the jury was unable to agree, but he was bound to accept the statement of the jurors made through the foreman and individually. Before being discharged the jury submitted a report thanking the attorneys and the court for courtesies extended and expressed the opinion that, while unable to agree upon the verdict, there was one thing they agreed about, and that was that the circumstances were such that the police had ample reasons to prosecute on the showing without hearing the defense, and commending them for having done their duty.

The Associated Press tonight obtained one great feature missing in the famous Luetgert trial, the sworn testimony of the defendant himself, Adolph L. Luetgert. Standing tonight in the gloomy jail adjoining the grim looking gray stone court building last been brought to a finish, the burly sausage maker capped the climax of an extraordinary series of events which began with his sensational bankruptcy and the alleged frightful diabolism of boiling his wife to death at midnight in a vat in his factory cellar. Tonight, closely following the final result of the trial which has attracted world wide attention, Luetgert made under oath a statement for the Associated Press concerning the fearful crime charged against him, the first sworn statement yet made by him and the first statement of such a kind ever known in newspaper annals.

The affidavit was put in writing in due legal form and is certified to by a notary. Ex-Judge William A. Vincent, the leading counsel for the defendant in this celebrated case, gave consent to the affidavit being made. The affidavit explicitly declares Luetgert's innocence. The document in full is as follows:

"To the Public:
"The result of my trial, ending today, is a victory for me because of the disagreement of the jury, but I am very much disappointed and surprised that the jury did not bring in a verdict of not guilty.

"I did not kill my wife and do not know where she is, but I am sure that it is only a question of time until she comes home. I did not go on the witness stand because my lawyer, Judge Vincent, was bitterly opposed to my doing so and because he advised me that it was not necessary.

"I am grateful for the tremendous change in public sentiment in my favor and time will demonstrate that I am not only an innocent, but a grievously wronged man. Signed, "ADOLPH L. LUETGERT."

M'NALL IN CONTEMPT.

Kansas Commissioner to Test Authority of Federal Court.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 21.—Judge Williams of the federal court recently issued an order for forcible insurance Commissioner McNall to issue to the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York a license to operate in Kansas upon payment of the usual fee. Yesterday John E. Lord, general agent of the company, tendered the fee and demanded the license. Mr. McNall announced his purpose to disregard Judge Williams' order and rely upon the supreme court of the United States for a writ of habeas corpus in case of imprisonment for contempt. This action was taken to test in the court of law the right of a federal judge to interfere in the execution of the laws of the state.

GANG OF BURGLARS CAUGHT.

\$25,000 Worth of Stolen Goods Recovered in Chicago.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—The police here have arrested four of the most successful burglars of the country. They have also seized \$25,000 worth of stolen property which is now awaiting identification.

The men under arrest are "Sheeny

Joe" R. ... leader of the gang; Harry Rogers, James Flaherty and James Williams.

Letters in the men's possession, which have passed between them, showed they had been taking a flying trip from coast to coast, robbing right and left. These letters also showed that they had agreed to meet in New York city October 1 and then go to St. Louis, where the goods would be disposed of. Evidence was found on their persons indicating that they had committed robberies in many cities in the United States and Canada. "Sheeny Joe" and Harry Rogers, alias "The Dip," are Canadian thieves, and Flaherty and Williams are New York crooks.

A SNAKE IN HER ROOM.

And a Visitor Smashed It With a Coal Shovel.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Oct. 21.—When Miss Wimpleberg of No. 333 Mill street entered her bed room after breakfast this morning, she saw something move the window curtains. She investigated and found a snake coiled up in the window recess, with its head moving unasily to and fro and apparently ready to strike.

Miss Wimpleberg called for assistance and her shouts were heeded by Mrs. Helen Arnold of St. Augustine, Fla., who is visiting the family. Mrs. Arnold dispatched the invader with a coal shovel. Miss Wimpleberg's room is on the second floor and it is a mystery how the snake got there.

PERU CIVIL MARRIAGES.

Non-Catholics Are at Last Likely to Gain Their Rights.

New York, Oct. 21.—A dispatch to the Herald from Lima, Peru, says: The senate has passed the bill declaring non-Catholic marriages valid and providing for a civil register for such marriages. One year's time is given for registration.

The bill will now be submitted to the chamber of deputies, and if it is not passed by that body will be submitted to a joint session of the two chambers. It will probably pass.

JEWELRY THIEF SENTENCED.

New York, Oct. 21.—Albert V. Sugden, ex-valet of Banker Richard T. Wilson, was sentenced to two and one-half years in Sing Sing prison today by Recorder Goff. Sugden was found guilty Friday last of stealing jewelry valued at \$2,000 from Mr. Wilson. The arrest was made in August, and Sugden tried to gain notoriety by attempting to go before the grand jury and tell something he claimed to know about the anonymous letters written last year attacking the daughter of Mr. Wilson, now Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt.

R. E. DAGGS ACQUITTED.

End of an Exciting Arizona Criminal Action.

Holbrook, Ariz., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—The jury in the case of the territory vs. R. E. Daggs, after being half an hour out, found a verdict of not guilty. This case came here on a change of venue from Flagstaff. Daggs was defended by Attorney-General Frazier and C. O. Anderson and was prosecuted by District Attorney Clark. One of the most powerful and eloquent pleas ever made in this county was made by Frazier, every one said.

NEW BREWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—It is reported that six prominent members of the Chicago and Milwaukee Brewers' association have agreed to form a new association. They have taken this step, it is said, to defend themselves against the threatening attitude of the English syndicate of brewers which has been the controlling factor in the brewers' association ever since its organization two years ago. It is claimed that the British faction secured the passage of a pooling agreement which has borne heavily on some of the more enterprising companies.

PULLMAN'S FUNERAL.

Arrangements for the Last Show of Respect.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—Arrangements for the funeral of the late George M. Pullman have been completed. The honorary pall bearers have been selected from the circle of the dead millionaire's family, his closest friends and his business associates, and the active pall bearers from the officials of the Pullman Palace Car company. Services will be held at the residence.

THE JOINT TRAFFIC CASE.

Supreme Court Postpones the Hearing Until January.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Chief Justice Fuller, when the supreme court met today, announced that the joint traffic railroad association case from New York and the LaCade gas light case from St. Louis had been assigned by that court for argument on the first



But—Where have We Seen that Face Before?

Monday in January. The arguments had been set for this month, but Justice Field's retirement leaves the bench with only eight members and in view of the importance of the questions involved it was desired that they should be heard by a full bench.

THE PIKE'S PEAK ROAD.

It Will Continue Running Trains for Some Time.

Manitou, Colo., Oct. 21.—Business of the Pike's Peak railway, so far this month, has been heavier than usual in October, and the management announces its intention of continuing a regular morning passenger service to the summit as late as November 15, the snow in the higher altitudes permitting. So far very little snow has fallen. There has been no interference with the regular running of trains.

IN THE OIL REGION.

Five Big Rigs Among Property Destroyed Near Bedford.

Bedford, Pa., Oct. 21.—The forest fires on all sides of this city are raging with increasing vigor. It is estimated that 5,000 acres have been burned over in the vicinity of Rice Brook. At Chipmunk five oil rigs have been destroyed. They were the property of the Seneca Oil company and the number included that company's big well struck last week. The reservation between Riverside and Chipmunk has been fireswept. Men are being sent from Bradford to all parts of the oil field to protect oil property. It is impossible to estimate the loss at this time.

A DOUBLY FATAL WOUND.

It Killed Miss Rosenbaum and Her Mother Died of Grief.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Oct. 21.—Miss Mary Rosenbaum, who was shot last Wednesday night by Mrs. Lizzie Harding, died from the effects of her wound last night. Her mother, Mrs. August Rosenbaum, died a few minutes before from excitement and grief. The Harding woman is in jail. She shot Miss Rosenbaum during a controversy in which Mrs. Harding, who is separated from her husband, was charged by Miss Rosenbaum with an attachment for the latter's brother.

KANSAS CITY STOCK MARKET.

Kansas City, Oct. 21.—Cattle receipts, 7,000; market steady to strong; Texas steers, \$2.55@4.10; Texas cows, \$2@3.15; native cows and heifers, \$1.40@3.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@4.25; bulls, \$2.15@4; sheep receipts, 4,000; market firm; lambs, \$2.35@5.60; muttons, \$2@4.25.

SENTENCED FOR LIFE.

Stockton, Cal., Oct. 21.—George Schlegel, one of the two men charged with having attempted to wreck a train at Moreno, entered his plea of guilty today and was sentenced to imprisonment at San Quentin for life.

THE KLONDYKE DUTY.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 21.—Hereafter every pound of goods not bought in Canada will have to pay duty before being allowed in the Klondyke country.

WHEAT.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—December wheat closed at 91 1/2.

A WILLIAMS FIRE FIEND

Whose Hair and Eye Brows the Flames had Kissed.

A Further Sensational Investigation in Progress Which Will Possibly Result in the Arrest of Several Prominent Citizens.

Williams, Ariz., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—A young man by the name of John Smoot was arrested by Sheriff Cameron as an arson fiend. He was given a preliminary hearing today. The chain of evidence was bound securely around the young man by the damaging testimony given by a musician named Boyd who saw Smoot come from an alley a few seconds before the fire last Monday night. Dr. Mellick was called and examined the young man's hair and eyebrows and found them badly singed.

He was held under \$5,000 bail. He is from a very respectable family, who are deeply grieved at his crime. Further investigation is still in progress and it is predicted that several prominent citizens will be arrested also.

MUST ASSUME TAXES.

A New Condition Put Into Union Pacific Land Deals.

Laramie, Wyo., Oct. 21.—C. E. Wantland, land agent of the Union Pacific, who passed west through Laramie today, stated that hereafter purchasers of land from the Union Pacific company would not only be compelled to stand good for all taxes after purchase was made, but a clause would be put in the deeds making purchasers liable for any taxes that might be due at the time of the transfer.

IN CENTRAL NEW YORK.

No Rain Since July and Everything Dry as Tinder.

Auburn, N. Y., Oct. 21.—The northern part of Cayuga county is ablaze with forest fires, which have been raging for the past two days, and nearly all the timber in the vicinity of Red Creek, Loville, Sterling and North Victory has been destroyed. Many farm houses, barns, haystacks and animals have been burned. The farmers are fighting the flames night and day, but as there has been no rain in the vicinity since last July the parched condition of the ground and in the swamps make their efforts almost futile.

U. S. COURT AT PUEBLO.

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 21.—Judge Moses Hallett of the United States district and circuit court opened the fall term here today at 2 o'clock. The session was taken up entirely with checking up the accounts of the court officers and hearing a petition for an order of contempt in the Granite State Providence association assignment. It is expected that all business in connection with the court will be completed by tomorrow night, and that it will then be adjourned until next spring.

SPANISH TROOPS FOR CUBA.

Madrid, Oct. 21.—General Concha, minister of war, says he is satisfied with the manner in which reinforcements are concentrating for Cuba. He declared that there were very few deserters.

MURDER OR SUICIDE?

A Husband Under Suspicion of the Former.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 21.—When Mrs. A. J. Lynch entered the residence of C. W. Kessler this afternoon a shocking scene was presented. Mrs. Kessler was dead from a ghastly wound in the throat and her 4-year-old son was dead with a bullet through his neck.

The husband and father is in prison half insane and under suspicion of having killed his wife and child. He protests his innocence and claims that his wife killed their child and then committed suicide.

THE COURSE OF SPAIN.

The Cabinet Fully Agreed Upon Its American Policy.

Madrid, Oct. 21.—The queen regent presided over the cabinet council today. Senor Sagasta, the premier, and Admiral Bermejo, minister of marine, both of whom were indisposed, were absent.

Senor Gullon, minister of foreign affairs, explained at length the present status of Spain's diplomatic relations with the United States and declared that the cabinet was entirely in accord with the policy to be pursued.

A SNAKE BIT TOWN.

Extraordinary Ending of a Show in an Ohio Village.

Holgate, O., Oct. 21.—A traveling museum which included a glass and wire cage containing four hundred snakes exhibited here last night.

The crowd was so great that the cage was crushed and the reptiles escaped. Among the collection were a number of black diamond rattlers from five to eleven feet long, which, when stepped on, bit several people in the crowd. All the doctors in town were called into service.

A LIVE REVOLUTION.

The Guatemalan Insurgents Making Headway.

San Francisco, Oct. 21.—A dispatch received here today from Prospero Morales, the leader of the insurgents in Guatemala, says that the insurgents have recaptured Quezaltenango and the Port of Ocosingo.

This disproves the dispatches sent officials in Washington to the effect that the revolution was suppressed and it is now believed that the government will be overthrown.

REFERRED TO THE POPE.

Washington, Oct. 21.—The cardinal, archbishops and bishops, constituting the board of directors of the Catholic University of America today decided to refer the case of Monsignor Schroeder, professor of dogmatic theology at the university, to Pope Leo for final determination.

FAILED BANK DIVIDENDS.

Washington, Oct. 21.—The comptroller of the currency has declared a dividend in favor of the creditors of insolvent national banks as follows: Fifty per cent, the Mutual National bank of New Orleans, La.; 20 per cent, the Columbia National bank of Minneapolis, Minn.; 10 per cent, the First National bank of Grand Island, Neb.; 15 per cent, the First National bank of Ellsworth, O.

BARS THROWN DOWN

The Geary Law Made of Practically Little Effect

BY A SEATTLE DECISION

The Wives and Children of Chinese Merchants

Unprovided With Certificates—The Treasury Department Will Appeal the Case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 21.—Judge Hanford of the federal court today made a decision in a Chinese case in which he holds that the wives and children of Chinese merchants doing business in the United States do not have to have certificates from the government to entitle them to enter this country. United States District Attorney Brinker will at once report to the treasury department Judge Hanford's ruling, and it is expected that the attorney-general's office will at once take steps to have the case appealed to the supreme court.

Treasury agents claim that if the decision holds it will open the gates for a flood of Celestials, for if the certificates are not required any number of Chinese can claim to be children of merchants in the United States. Judge Hanford's decision is in direct opposition to that of Judge Lacombe of New York.

IRELAND'S "JOAN OF ARC."

New York, Oct. 21.—Miss Maud Gonne, the writer and lecturer, whose work in behalf of Ireland has gained for her the title of Ireland's Joan of Arc, will sail from Queenstown for this city next Sunday on board the Lucania. Miss Gonne is the daughter of an English officer of dragoons, but she has devoted a great deal of time to the Irish cause and particularly in regard to the release of the political prisoners. She will lecture throughout this country.

LOSS OF RAILROAD BONDS.

New York, Oct. 21.—A customer of Harvey Fisk & Sons, bankers of this city, today announces the loss of ten coupon bonds of the Cleveland & Canton railroad first mortgage 5 per cent issue. The bonds are \$1,000 par and their value approximately is \$7,000. The customer described his name to remain unknown and is inclined to believe that the bonds have been stolen. They are numbered 1,201 to 1,210, inclusive, and are due July 1, 1917.

J. C. HOWE ARRESTED.

Alleged Cripple Creek Attorney Is Charged With Forgery.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Oct. 21.—J. C. Howe, who claims to be an attorney of Cripple Creek, was arrested at Colorado City this afternoon on a charge of forgery. It is claimed that Howe forged the name of Jake Becker, who runs a road house between Colorado City and Manitou, and passed the same on the Silver State skoon at Colorado City. Howe was placed in the county jail.

OCTOBER HOT WAVE.

A Record Breaker at the Boston Station.

Boston, Oct. 21.—Today was a record breaker for hot weather for this time of year. It was the hottest day for the period between the 15th and the 25th of the month since the signal station was established in 1870. The maximum temperature reached today was 85.5, the mercury standing at this height at 2 o'clock, soon after which it began to grow slightly cooler.

MIKE WALSH WILL DIE.

Victor, Colo., Oct. 21.—Mike Walsh, one of the victims of the misdirected explosion, which occurred in the Equitable company's lease Wednesday afternoon, is still alive, but his death is a question of a few hours. At noon today he was taken to the Sisters' hospital at Cripple Creek, where his dying moments will be made as peaceful as possible.

A CONTINUATION OF SERVICES.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 21.—The nomination committee of the American missionary convention effectively disposed of the story that President Gates was to be retired, by renominating him for a sixth term.

SIR CHARLES MORDAUNT.

London, Oct. 21.—Sir Charles Mordaunt, Bart., of Walton, Warwickshire, is dead. He was in his sixtieth year.

BALTIMORE WINS A GAME.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Oct. 21.—Baltimore defeated the All-Americans today. Baltimore, 8; All-Americans, 7.